



The Vine
March 2026

United Methodist Church
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Worship Service In-person 10:00AM Sundays

Service is also online Website: www.umclb.net

Sunday School following Children's Moment in Worship Service

Pastor Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm

or call (510) 552-7240

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon.

Please call the Secretary if you need time in the office.

Messages are checked Monday-Thursday.

Pastor: Rev. Ivoni Maama

Church Secretary: Lori Winters

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5 Tom Kaljian

5 Olivia Hew

13 Susan Younce

13 Stacy Betschart

14 Michael Bonillas

15 Mark Walton

20 Delaney Wallace

29 Kevin Ferreira

30 Liam Walsh

HAPPY
Anniversary!

18 Gregg & Juli Rice

February contributions total: \$ 10,839.10
In-Person Services for February 1st (40) 8th (28) 15th (37) 22nd (43)

Vine Monthly Events for March



Important dates:

Tuesday, March 3rd- Ad Council 7PM Zoom

Wednesday March 4th - 📞 10:00 AM (every Wednesday)

there will be a Prayer/upper room conference call, everyone is welcome to join and share any concerns. the number is **(720) 843-2603 Access Code: 8941334**

Wednesday March 4th -Centering Prayer 7 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Thursday March 5th -Bible reading 2PM ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Saturday Marh 7th -Join us this Saturday at 10 AM and every Saturday until April 2nd, at the Fireside Room for a simple fellowship breakfast as we continue our 40 Days of Lent.

Sunday March 8th -Making lunch for the encampment after Church

Tuesday, March 10th -Trustee Meeting 7PM Zoom

Wednesday March 11th -SPRC 6PM in the Fireside Room

Thursday, March 12th -Women of faith meeting at 1PM in the fireside room. Potluck salad

Tuesday, March 17th -Craft Night 6 PM in the fireside room.

Sunday March 22nd – Making lunch for the encampment after Church

Wednesday, March 25th Worship Committee 7PM in the office

Sunday, March 29- Palm Sunday

Tuesday, March 31st - Finance Committee 7 PM Zoom.

Friday April 3rd -Good Friday There will be a silent service from 11 to 11:45 and 1PM to 2 PM, We will have a in person service from 12 noon to 12:45

Bell Choir Is Friday at 4:30 PM

If you need visitation for yourself or someone else please contact Karen Bonillas, Melissa Jones, Susan Younce or Ivoni Maama

At 12:00 noon please take a moment to pray for your pastor and church

Good Friday there will be a silent service from 11AM to 11:45 AM and then Pastor. Ivoni will be having a live service from 12 Noon to 12:45. There will be another silent service from 1PM to 2PM

There will be a sign up form for Maundy Thursday this Sunday. If you are interested please sign up so we can plan accordingly

We will have forms for Easter Lilies out soon.

Don't forget to bring flowers for the Easter Cross on April 5th. There will be an Easter egg hunt after church, if you would like to donate candy you can bring it to the office or give it to Kerri and Shannan.



Pastor's Message – February 2026

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

February is often known as the month of love. As a church family, we are reminded that true love begins with God. God's love is patient, kind, forgiving, and faithful. This month, we reflect on how we can show Christ's love not only to our families but also to our neighbors and community. Love is more than words; it is action. It is serving, praying, encouraging, and standing together in faith. I am grateful that I have seen and felt this love in action through our church family. May we continue to grow spiritually and support one another as the Body of Christ.

I would like to thank all the Chairs of our committees and every committee member for organizing meetings as we begin this new year. Thank you for your dedication, prayers, and continued support of our church. During this Lenten season, I'd like to encourage you to try something different. Often during Lent, we give up something—perhaps meat, sweets, or social media. While that is meaningful, I encourage you to also consider adding something that strengthens your faith.

Maybe read the Bible more regularly. Try to memorize one Bible verse each week or month. Forgive someone who has wronged you. Doing something kind for someone, even a simple smile, can be an act of love. Pray in everything you do. We do not pray only when we need something; we pray to honor God for all the blessings and the gift of life we have received. Pray for our church, our community, and our country.

Church, waking up to another day is not a small thing. Let us praise God each day. As John Wesley said, “Do good. Do no harm. Stay in love with God.” Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital. I also offer one-on-one devotion time during the week, either via conference call or in person. If you are interested, please reach out. You may call me anytime for prayer or even just to talk.

I love you all, and may God richly bless you. With love in Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Ivoni

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
January 6, 2026**

The Ad Council met by Zoom on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, with eight people present.

Worship – Susan Ramsey reported that Worship will meet this month. Social Justice/Manna Ministries -Ivoni stated that feeding the homeless is starting back up this Sunday. She is wanting to try new things this year.

United Women of Faith –

This Saturday is a get together at Round Table Pizza. There will be a small meeting with pizza and soft drinks. February Laura is looking to do a retreat for the women and is also trying new ideas to do.

Board of Trustees :

Electrician is coming tomorrow and a fencing contractor will be giving quotes. Insurance claim will be discussed. The gutters got cleaned and everything else is ok.

SPRC –

Susan Ramsey reported for Bonnie that SPRC will meet this month. Treasurer's Report / Finance Team - Gregg reported income of \$182,500 and \$18200 is 10% and \$16,000 was sent to the Conference. End of year is done, but the final payment for Ivoni from grant has not been received from them. Hoping we get it next year as well. Jan 27 th is next Finance meeting.

Youth Ministries –

Susan Younce and Ivoni will get together and youth will start having themes.

Pastor:

Committees need to make sure they have a meeting in January to be valid and that they do not meet on Mondays. Meeting with Susan to look at programs for the new year and continue with bible readings and bible studies.

Calendar:

**Next Ad Council Meeting – February 3rd
at 7 PM via Zoom**

Parish Care;

People in Need of Prayer

- Carl is not doing well as his Alzheimer's is quite bad.
- Monique is trying to get an appointment at Stanford
- Barbara Murphy (Jennifer's mom) looks good but can't remember much
- Diane Moon not well
- Karen Bonillas as she lost her husband and sister
- Charlie Coborubious is doing better
- Dan Wilson is doing better
- Guadalupe's family thanks the church for their prayers
- Pray for Ivoni's niece who is not doing well and is in rehab
- June Sloan